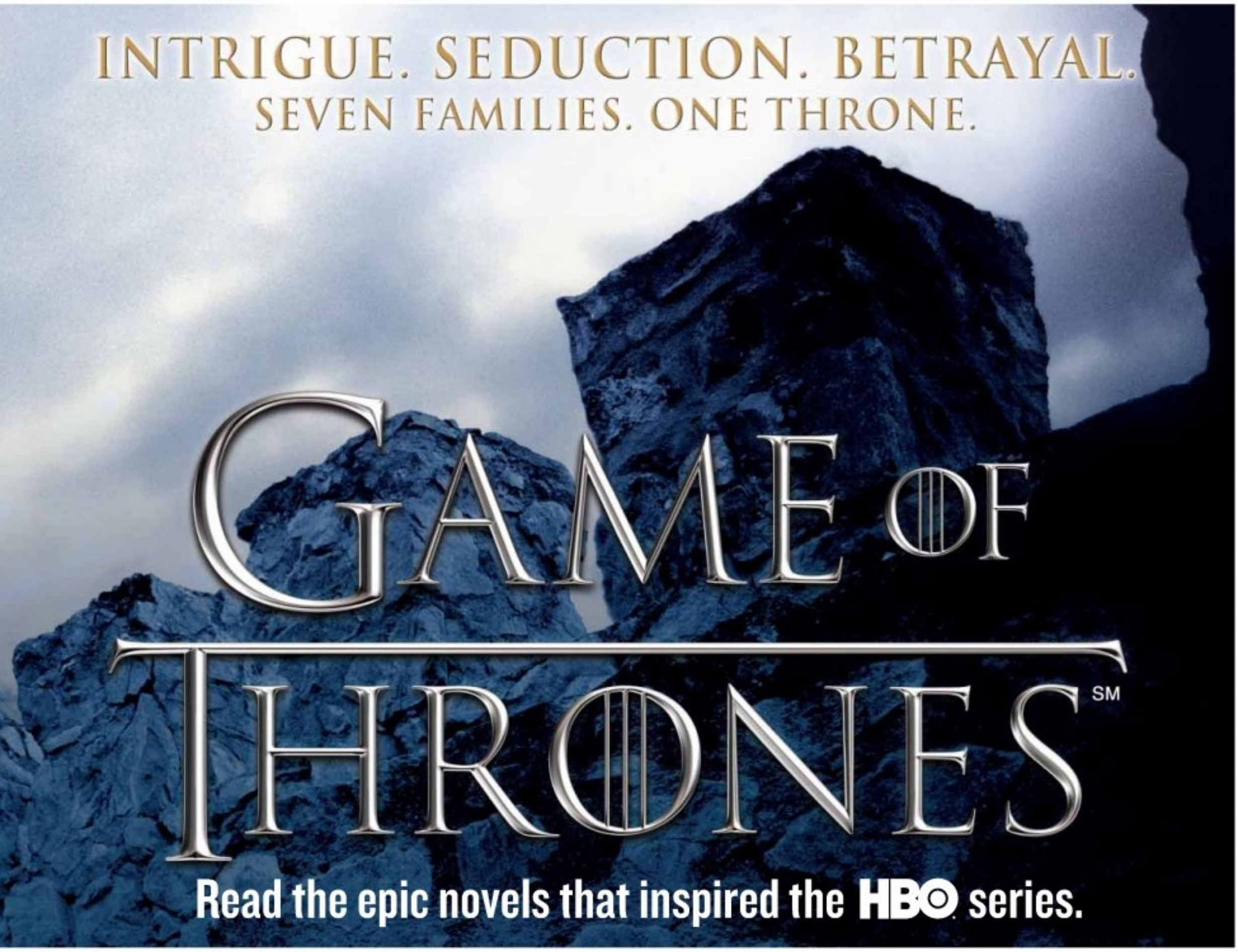
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Ackerman requests $75M-$110M to fill budget gap ◐ Said staff 'agonized for months' over cuts ◐ Nutter calls moving forward 'a leadership moment'

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▶ Schools Superintendent Arlene Ackerman and district CFO Michael Masch, left, had a long day in Council chambers yesterday.

At the end of a day that saw school district officials stumble to answer City Council questions about proposed cuts and how much money they sought to bridge substantial budget gaps, Mayor Michael Nutter signaled there were heated negotiations to come.

"Some priorities rise above others: full-day kindergarten, transportation, reduced class size, alternative-education programs," he said yesterday, referring to the $75 million to $110 million that Superintendent Arlene Ackerman offered Council two hours after not being able to do so. "This is a number I'm prepared to stand behind. I've had a number of conversations with Gov. [Tom] Corbett. ... He knows I'm going to stand up for education."

The district's anticipated $629 million stems from stimulus and state funding cuts. The requested funding and other reductions — in salaries and thousands of staff including 1,200 teachers — were proposed to fill it. There were tense and confusing moments.

District officials couldn't answer Councilman Wilson Goode Jr.'s "How much money do you want?" question until after she and others met with Nutter. Councilmen Bill Greenlee and James Kenney hammered away at disparities in cuts to certain districts across the region. Councilman Bill Green asked why district officials said they'd rely on local funding during last year's budget process when it wasn't known whether it would be available.

"We know our children deserve the best educational opportunities possible if they are to compete in tomorrow's world," Ackerman said. "The mayor said he'd support what we asked for."

Quoted

"We have no ability to impact [school district] policy, and I don't like that one bit."

COUNCILMAN DARRELL CLARKE, FRUSTRATED THE CITY CAN'T DEMAND HOW ITS MONEY IS SPENT

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Property taxes the answer?

Though Goode said "there is not a political will for a tax hike" on Council, Jannie Blackwell pondered what would happen if it became a necessity.

"You could increase [property] taxes up to 17 percent to get there, but who could be for that?" Blackwell said. "What should taxpayers take out of all this? What council is taking out of this: We don't know what any of it means yet."

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In the news

Put down the crabs!

Three Philadelphia men were arrested for allegedly taking 132 horseshoe crabs in Ocean City, N.J., authorities said. Because horseshoe crab eggs help feed shore birds, harvesting horseshoe crabs is illegal in New Jersey. The horseshoe crabs were safely returned to the ocean.

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▶ Brown: The winner?

GOP mayoral race still up in air

After the County Board of Elections said that Republican mayoral candidate Karen Brown led opponent John Featherman by 58 votes but said there were still provisional ballots to be counted, the leader declared victory.

"I'm too far ahead of him, even if he got all the provisionals," said Brown, a retired teacher who went from Democratic City Council candidate to GOP mayoral challenger. "I'm looking forward to the press taking me seriously ... to talk about the issues that make a difference in people's daily lives. Because of all the [GOP] infighting, voters didn't get to know either of us."

Not so fast, said Featherman, who believes the race isn't over since the county hasn't indicated how many provisionals there are.

"If I lose, I'll concede and move on, but I'm not going to do that when the votes aren't all counted," said Featherman, who indicated he may contest the results when the final numbers come in. "This race is not over." BRIAN HICKEY

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Who's watching problem club?

While city again shuts down Felton Club, long record reads like been-there-done-that ◗ Police captain then questions whether this shooting was even club's fault

The Philadelphia Department of Licenses & Inspections revoked several of the Felton Club's key licenses yesterday after a shooting outside wounded nine people early Sunday morning.

"The reasons relate to the violence that occurred in and around there, both inside and outside," said Mayor Nutter's spokesman Mark McDonald.

The district attorney's office is also filing an injunction against the club, which, if approved, will shut down the venue for at least a year.

Mayor Nutter had strong words for proprietor Omar Infante at a press conference Sunday afternoon.

"The owner, in my opinion, acted in the most irresponsible of fashions. There's a history of bad activity, bad behavior and irresponsibility. The person probably should be arrested for risking a catastrophe."
MAYOR NUTTER

But East Detectives Capt. John Gallagher disagreed, noting that Infante was cooperating with the investigation and had equipped the club with a large security staff, screening entrants through a metal detector prior to the shooting.

"We have had a number problems at that location involving some shootings, but that doesn't negate the fact that two people with semi-automatic weapons shot into a crowd of individuals," he said. "The club didn't shoot people."

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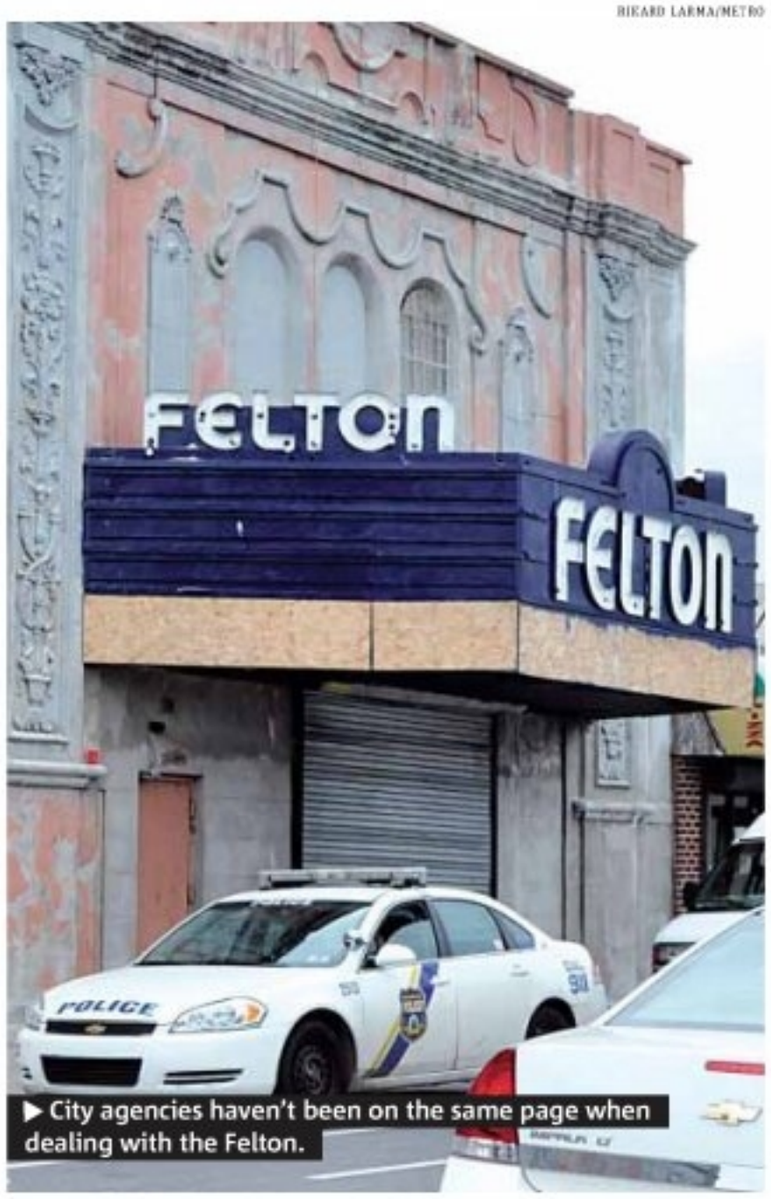

▶ City agencies haven't been on the same page when dealing with the Felton.

Timeline

- **August 2009:** L&I issues a cease operations order due to incidents of underage drinking, after-hours drinking and the fact that the club didn't have a special assembly license.
- **September 2009:** The city and club owners come to an agreement on a lengthy to-do list required for the club to operate.
- **November 2010:** The Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board grants the club a liquor license.
- **Dec. 26, 2010:** A man is shot inside the club.
- **Jan. 1, 2011:** A man is shot and killed outside the club.
- **Jan. 6:** A "cease operations" ordered. The club closes.
- **Late January:** The club meets the terms of the September 2009 agreement.
- **April 16:** The club reopens without the knowledge of the district attorney's office.
- **May 1:** A state police undercover observes liquor sales after 2 a.m.
- **May 17:** Citations are sent.
- **May 22:** Nine people shot.

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Subway stabbing leaves man critical

SOUTH PHILADELPHIA. A 21-year-old man is in critical condition after being stabbed yesterday on the Broad Street subway, authorities said.

The victim was allegedly stabbed once in the stomach by a 20-year-old man following an altercation shortly before 11 a.m., authorities said. Passengers notified the operator and SEPTA and Philadelphia police responded and stopped the train at Ellsworth-Federal station.

The suspect was taken into custody. The victim is listed in critical but stable condition at Jefferson University Hospital, officials said. METRO

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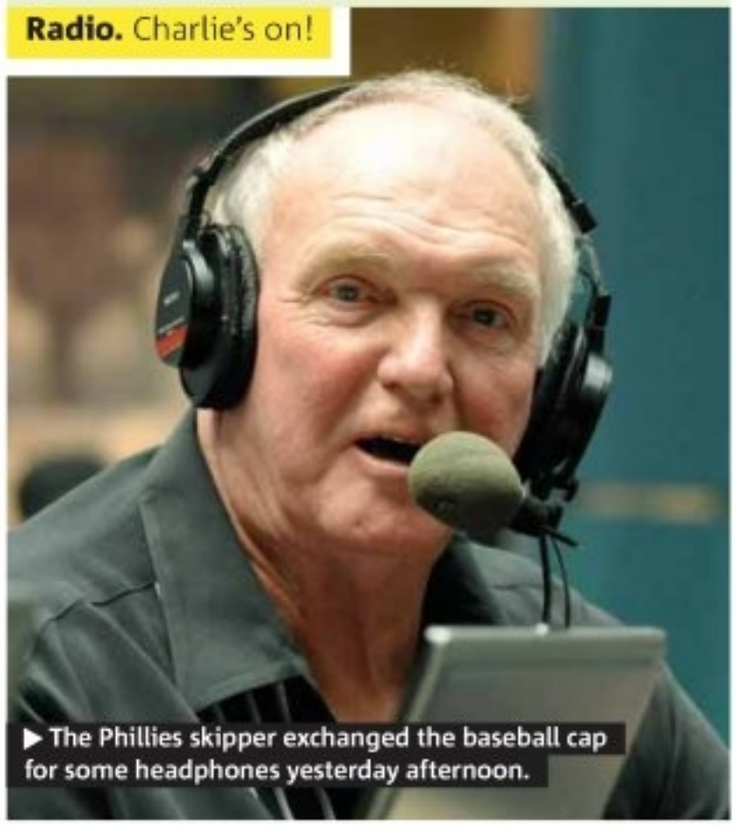

▶ The Phillies skipper exchanged the baseball cap for some headphones yesterday afternoon.

Charlie takes to air waves

Charlie Manuel, known for his unique grasp of the English language, debuted his new weekly radio show at The Shops at Liberty Place. He talked baseball and took questions from listeners with co-host Dom Giordano on what has been dubbed "The Charlie Manuel Show" on Talk Radio 1210 AM.

New waterfront attractions here

Multimillion-dollar improvements made to both Penn's Landing and Race Street pier City hopes Delaware River appeals to residents and visitors

The Penn's Landing riverfront will be bursting with growth and activities this summer as they debut new renovations and festivities. The Delaware River Waterfront Corporation has been hard at work "transforming the waterfront district into a vibrant destination location for recreational, cultural, and commercial activities for the residents and visitors of Philadelphia."

The Penn's Landing Marina will reopen on May 27 after four months of renovations. The $2.2 million improvements include access for different types of boaters to the area. Tomorrow, Mayor Michael Nutter will officially unveil the new Race Street Pier, the 1-acre finger park jutting out into the river.

▶ Penn's Landing

To get a full listing of events and festivities at Penn's Landing, visit www.delawareriverevents.com.

Events

- **Screenings Under the Stars:** Every Thursday in July and August.
- **Fam Jams!** July 3, 1-5 p.m. Featuring Emily Osment and Tim Urban.
- **Smooth Jazz Summer Nights Concert Series:** Every Friday night in August
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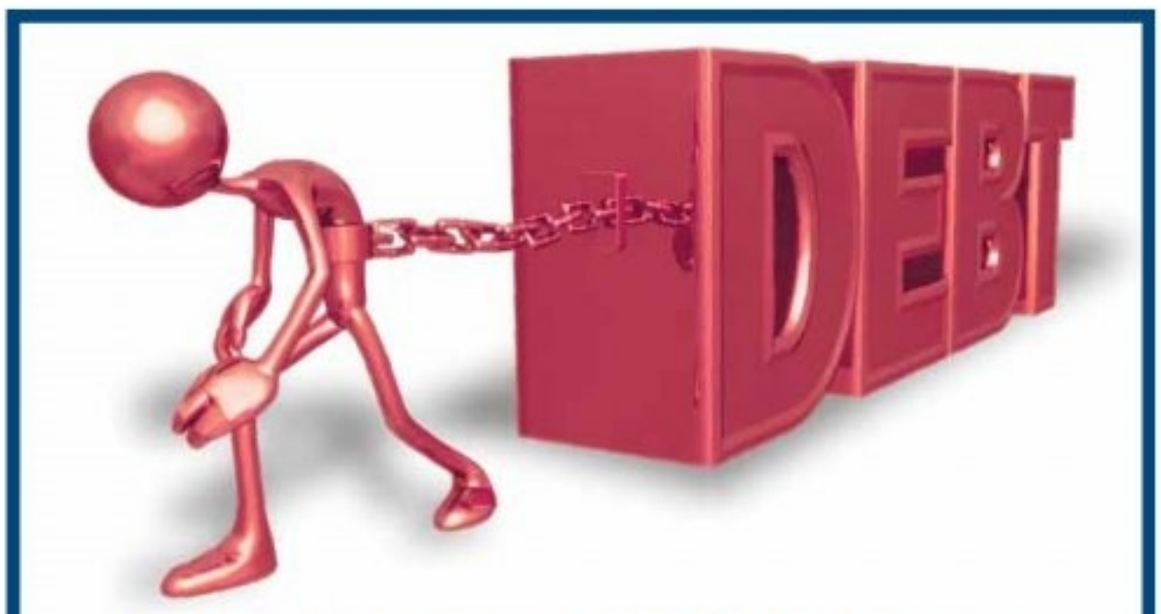

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Tom Hill
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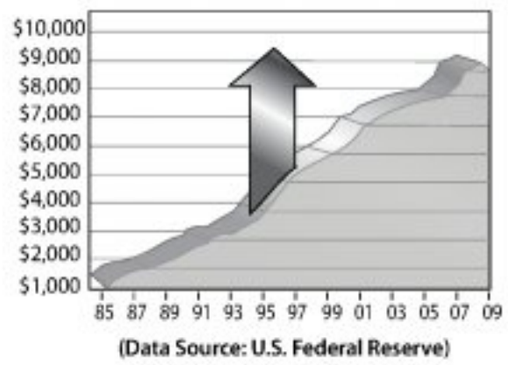

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Israel PM: Door to compromise open

Netanyahu acknowledges reality of mutual sacrifice ◐ Insists upon recognition of Israel as Jewish homeland ◐ Settlers, Palestinians critical

Israel is prepared to make "painful compromises" for peace with the Palestinians, including the handover of land they seek for a state, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told a supportive Congress yesterday.

Palestinians swiftly dismissed the Israeli leader's terms for a deal as placing more "obstacles" in diplomacy's way, casting doubt as to whether frozen peace talks may actually resume.

Addressing a joint meeting of Congress after a testy exchange last week with President Barack Obama, Netanyahu reiterated his expectations ahead of further talks about the contours of a future Palestine.

They included Palestinian recognition of Israel as the homeland of the Jewish people and the scrapping of Western-backed Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas's unity accord with the Islamist movement Hamas.

"Tear up your pact with Hamas. Sit down and negotiate. Make peace with the Jewish state," he said.

Netanyahu explicitly suggested for the first time that Israel would cede some Jewish settlements in the West Bank, though others would be annexed under any future agreement.

In Israel, settler leaders and members from Netanyahu's own Likud party also voiced their objections. But with no diplomatic breakthrough in sight, his ruling coalition did not seem to be in any jeopardy. REUTERS

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"Peace cannot be imposed. It must be negotiated."
NETANYAHU

In the Congress

Netanyahu, greeted warmly by congressional leaders, received frequent standing ovations.

The Israeli leader, however, was heckled once from the gallery by a woman who interrupted Congress to shout: **"No more occupation — end Israeli war crimes!"**

▶ Mubarak

Protester deaths on his head?

CAIRO. Hosni Mubarak was ordered yesterday to stand trial for the killing of protesters and could face the death penalty, scratching speculation the former leader would be spared public humiliation by Egypt's military rulers.

Mubarak, ousted on Feb. 11 after mass demonstrations demanding he end his 30 years in power, has been questioned for his role in a crackdown that led to the killing of more than 800 demonstrators and has been probed over corruption. REUTERS

Was Syria hiding nukes?

VIENNA. A Syrian site bombed by Israel in 2007 was "very likely" to have been a nuclear reactor, the U.N. atomic agency said in a report, a conclusion which may lead to Damascus being referred to the U.N. Security Council. REUTERS

Ash cloud delays travel

REYKJAVIK. Thousands of passengers were forced to abandon plans after ash from an Icelandic volcano caused the cancellation of 500 flights yesterday; but officials said Europe's airways would be less disrupted than a year ago. REUTERS

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Diplomacy. Making merry

▶ First Lady Michelle Obama meets with Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge, at Buckingham Palace. Inset: Queen Elizabeth II and President Barack Obama review an honor guard of the First Battalion Scots Guards.

Obamas get taste of royal privilege

President Obama and his wife were treated to royal pomp at Buckingham Palace yesterday on a two-day state visit aimed at ensuring the United States and Britain keep the "special" in their relationship. Obama is on the second stop of a four-nation European tour, arriving from Ireland late on Monday and planning to attend a Group of Eight summit in Deauville, France, tomorrow and end the week in Poland. REUTERS

In Missouri, search on for the missing

JOPLIN, MISSOURI. First they found his dark blue teddy bear. Then frantic relatives searching for toddler Skyular Logsdon spotted his red T-shirt and pants, torn, rain-soaked and wrapped around a telephone pole.

The little boy hasn't been seen since Sunday night when a massive tornado ripped through the center of Joplin, Mo., killing at least 118 people and leaving many more missing.

As search teams took advantage of a break in the bad weather yesterday to look for survivors under mountains of wreckage, Skyular's relatives carefully lifted up the wooden beams and twisted metal of what was once his home.

"We have searched every morgue, every hospital, every place we can think of," said Rusty Burton, a step-grandfather to Skyular. REUTERS

1,500

The search for Skyular is but one of the many sorrow-filled hunts for loved ones in this southwestern Missouri city of 50,000, where about 1,500 people remain missing.

Storm of century?

The tornado that raked Joplin was the deadliest single twister in the United States since 1947, when a tornado in Woodland, Okla., killed 181 people.

When it struck around dinner time Sunday night, the funnel cloud cut a path nearly six miles long and up to 3/4 mile wide. Some 2,000 houses and many other businesses, schools and other buildings were destroyed. REUTERS

Chrysler repays auto bailout cash

Chrysler Group yesterday paid back $7.6 billion in U.S. and Canadian government loans from its 2009 bailout, a move that allows the U.S. automaker to distance itself from an unpopular bailout and deepen its ties with Italian automaker Fiat SpA.

Chrysler said it had made payments of $5.9 billion to the U.S. Treasury and $1.7 billion to the governments of Canada and Ontario to repay loans it received in June 2009.

The repayment puts Chrysler on firmer financial ground and draws it closer to Fiat, two goals investors and bankers have said would make Chrysler more attractive in an initial public offering that could come this year or next.

The automaker said it repaid the original loans in full, more than six years ahead of schedule. Under the original terms, Chrysler had until 2017 to repay the debt. REUTERS

$1.2B

Chrysler paid more than $1.2 billion in interest on its debts in 2010. Earlier this year, Chrysler Chief Executive Sergio Marchionne denounced the government aid as "shyster loans."

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▶ A Jeep Wrangler is displayed on the sales lot at a California Chrysler Jeep Dodge dealership.

Obama cheers

LONDON. President Barack Obama called the Chrysler payment a "significant milestone" and a sign that the U.S. auto industry is recovering.

Obama was quick to hail the news that could be important in garnering support for his 2012 re-election campaign in the midwestern United States where the auto industry has struggled.

Obama has drawn fire from some conservatives for bailing out portions of the U.S. auto industry two years ago. REUTERS

Home sales up; market tottering

WASHINGTON. Sales of newly built single-family homes rose for a second straight month in April and supply was the lowest in a year, but an overhang of previously owned houses on the market could hobble recovery.

The Commerce Department said yesterday that sales increased 7.3 percent to a seasonally adjusted 323,000-unit annual rate, the highest since December, giving prices a lift.

While the report showed relative strength across the board, new home sales are just bouncing along the bottom and did not change views the economy remains mired in a soft patch.

"The problem for the housing sector still remains the huge inventory of unsold homes," said Millan Mulraine of TD Securities. REUTERS

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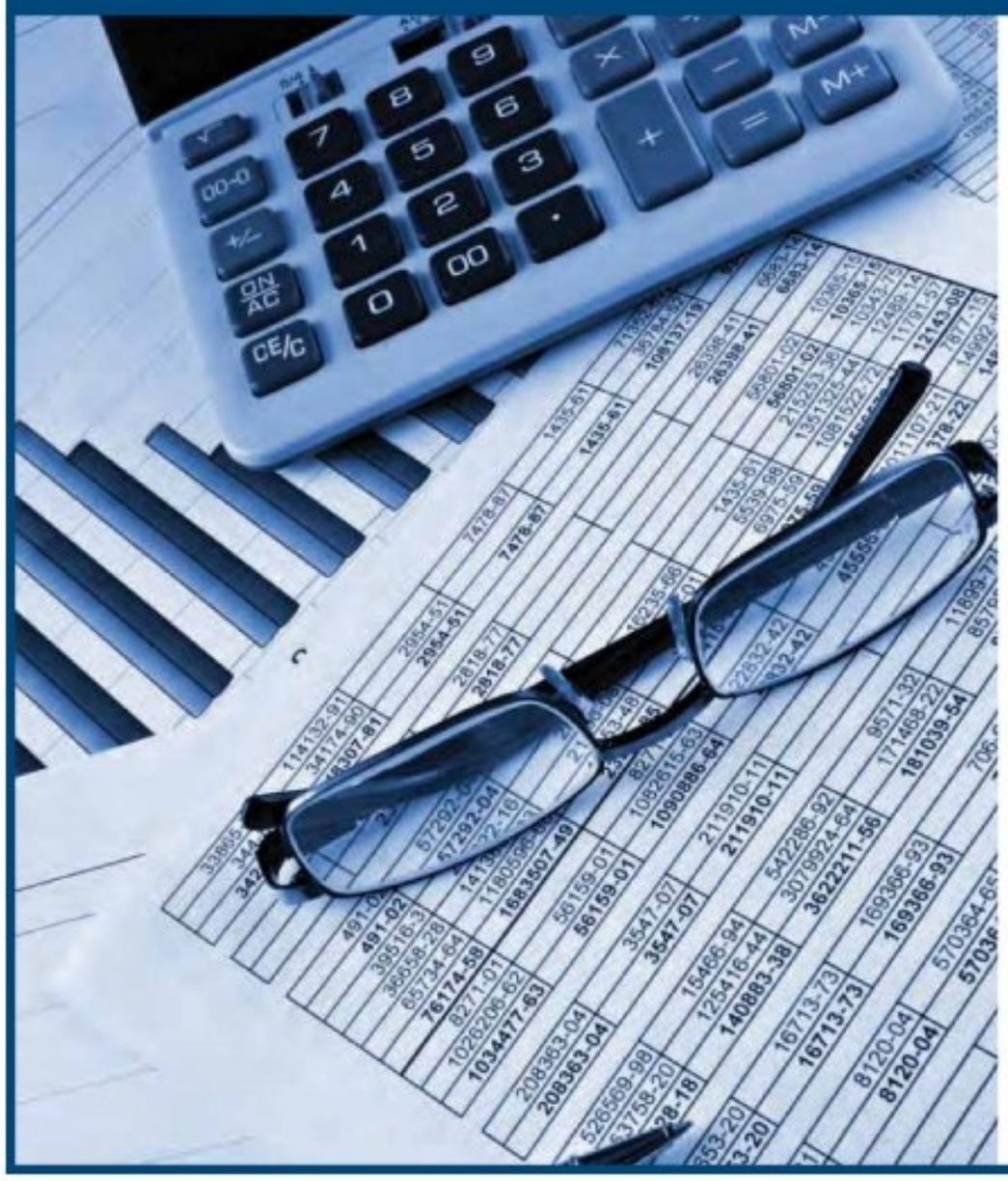

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Super Oprah comes into the world on Jan. 29, 1954, in Kosciusko, Miss.

1976

Oprah gets her start, meets Gayle
After three years of anchor news reporting, in 1976, Winfrey hosts the 6 o'clock news at Baltimore's WJZ-TV, where she meets future bestie-for-life, Gayle King, who was working there as a production assistant.

1985

"The Color Purple"
Early indications of Winfrey's multitalented can-do spirit are apparent when she stars as Sofia in Steven Spielberg's "The Color Purple," in 1985 and scores a Best Supporting Actress nod by the Academy Awards. She lost to Anjelica Huston.

1986

The big break
Since her move to Chicago in 1983, Winfrey was hosting localized version of what was to become "The Oprah Winfrey Show," which first nationally broadcast on Sept. 8, 1986. The topic of her first show? Marrying the right person.

1998

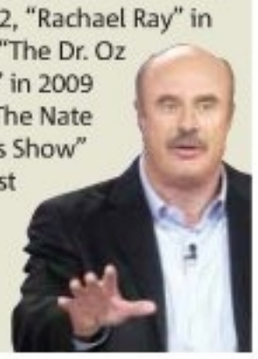
Forming an empire and defending free speech
In 1998, Winfrey forms Oxygen Media, which would spawn the Oxygen cable channel. In the same year, she wins a "food disparagement" case against Texas cattlemen after her comments in a 1996 episode about Mad Cow disease.

2000

Let the lifestyling begin
Winfrey expands her reach with "O" Magazine, which offers advice on personal finance, fitness and spiritual wellness. Oprah.com says this is credited as being the most successful magazine launch in recent history.

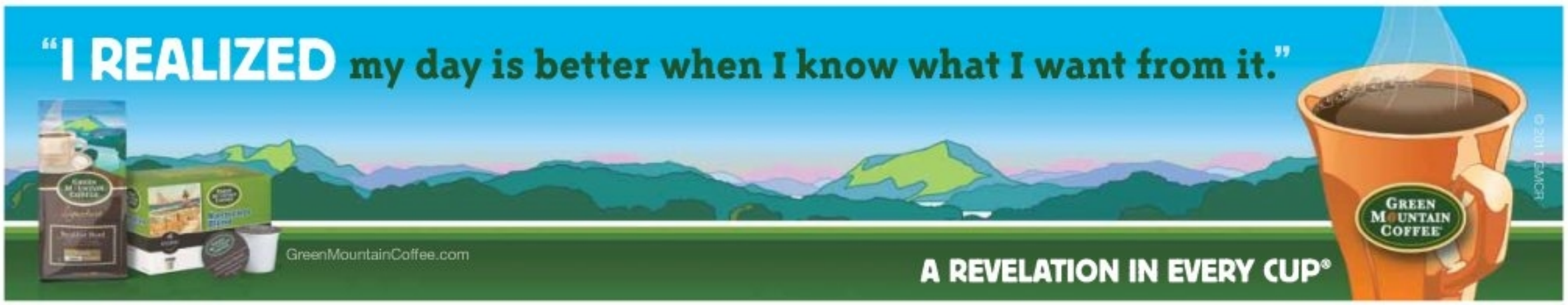
2002

Paging Dr. Phil
Winfrey may be leaving but her self-help posse remains: "Dr. Phil" debuted in 2002, "Rachael Ray" in 2006, "The Dr. Oz Show" in 2009 and "The Nate Berkus Show" just last year.



2004

"You get a car!"
On Sept. 12, 2004, Winfrey shocked the audience: Each one of those lucky, well-deserving, loyal SOBs got a Pontiac G6 — 276 in all. In November 2010, she gave away VW Beetles.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1987

Critical praise
In 1987, Winfrey receives her first of more than 45 Daytime Emmy Awards that she would collect before removing the show from consideration in 2000.

1988

If we could only warn her then
Winfrey starts what would become a 20-plus year discussion about her weight fluctuation with the "Diet Dreams Come True" episode of Nov. 15, 1988, in which the talk show host came on stage as a skinny size 10, carting a wagon behind her loaded with 67 pounds worth of groceries behind her.

1992

The engagement that would last a lifetime
In 1992, Oprah Winfrey gets engaged to businessman Stedman Graham whom she has yet to actually marry.

1993

The Queen of Daytime and the King of Pop
In 1993, it was only Winfrey who could get the suspiciously pale Michael Jackson to explain that he had not bleached his skin, but that he had skin-pigment disorder known as vitiligo. This was to become one of Winfrey's highest rated episodes, with 62 million viewers watching.

1996

Reviving the publishing industry
Oprah Winfrey launches her book club in 1996. More than 60 selections have instantaneously earned a lucky author boatloads of money and an immediate spot on The New York Times' best-sellers list.

1997

Ellen's out
In 1997, Winfrey is host to actress and comedian Ellen DeGeneres, who comes out of the closet on the show.

2005

Tom Cruise gets excited talking about Katie Holmes
Remember May 23, 2005? According to the Urban Dictionary: "Jump the couch (n), a defining moment when you know someone has gone off the deep end."

2005

James Frey
His memoir of drug abuse, "A Million Little Pieces," was selected for her Book Club in 2005—and later revealed to be partly fabricated. "I feel that you betrayed millions of readers," she told him on Sept. 22 of that year, before flaying him live.

2005

Opens school in South Africa
The Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy for Girls debuts Jan. 2, 2007, lauded by humanitarians, and nearly overshadowed when a female employee is later accused of molestation.

2010

Denies being gay
After years of dogged rumors about her sexuality, and questions about her relationship with friend Gayle King, Winfrey opened up to Barbara Walters. "I'm not lesbian. I'm not even kind of lesbian," she said, soon tearing up while praising King. "She is ... the mother I never had. She is ... the sister everybody would want."

2011

Launches OWN network
On Jan. 1, 2011, an entire network launches devoted to Winfrey's self-help philosophy. The buzz is high but the ratings soon drop, and Winfrey vows to focus more on the programming when her syndicated show ends.

Today

The final show
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– Dorothy Robinson will return soon.

The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or less.

Today, Jeremy Piven is still getting the hang of Twitter, Jessica Alba is drowsy, Albert Brooks could use a laugh and Joan Rivers saw the early warning signs.

▶ **@jeremypiven**
Making tea, good morning ... you sleep well? Man, this feels so one sided.

▶ **@jessicaalba**
Woke up late -ate big bfast -can't keep my eyes open, about 2 take nap... Whats the deal?!? Oh yeah, I'm pregnant.

▶ **@AlbertBrooks**
God I miss the rapture jokes. I hope there's another one soon.

▶ **@Joan_Rivers**
People should have known that Arnold Schwarzenegger was this kid's father. By age 2 and 1/2, he was bench-pressing the pediatrician.

Piven

No preventing this 'Hangover'

It takes a lot to upstage **Zach Galifianakis** and a drug-dealing monkey. But as it's turning out, the most outrageous, hilarious thing about "The Hangover Part II" is the lawsuit that almost prevented it from hitting theaters today.

The artist who designed **Mike Tyson**'s face tattoo — which makes an appearance on star **Ed Helms**' terrified left temple in the sequel — claimed he owned the copyright to the image, and Warner Bros. didn't have permission to use it. (Tyson, who made a memorable cameo in the original, seems to be in on the joke, as you can see in the photo at right. It's also possible he wants to do more damage to Helms' face.)

A judge, however, sided with the studio: "We are very gratified by the Court's decision, which will allow the highly anticipated film, 'The Hangover 2,' to be released on schedule this week around the world," a rep for Warner Bros. said in a statement.

We're all for giving artists credit, but come on — is a tribal tattoo really work that you want your name on? It's almost as dated as **Bradley Cooper**'s bro uniform.

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▶ We think Mike Tyson is smiling here. Right?

Shriver wanted in on the outing

Maria Shriver didn't just want the world to know about **Arnold Schwarzenegger**'s affair — she wanted to tell us, according to TMZ. Sources say that she wanted to host a news conference herself, but friends talked her into letting details leak to the gossip site and the L.A. Times instead.

To which we say, well played, Maria! You can always count on Unnamed Source to throw in an addiction reference, hint at bad parenting and maybe even come up with some dirty texts.

Nice to meet you, Estella

We had no idea who **Estella Warren** was before yesterday, and we have no reason to believe we'll remember in a couple weeks. But for now: Monday night, the "Planet of the Apes" actress — sorry girl, but you're not giving us much to work with here — struck three parked cars in L.A., drove away, kicked an officer who arrested her, then got out of her handcuffs at the police station and ran out the back door, reports TMZ.

Pace yourself, Estella! We need to put out this column five days a week, and **Lindsay**'s seemingly joined the Girl Scouts.

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Talking points

Leo and Blake aren't shy

Leonardo DiCaprio and **Blake Lively** are doing nothing to stop speculation that they're fostering a romance, as the pair jetted off to Portofino, Italy, together over the weekend after turning heads at the Cannes International Film Festival, according to Hollyscoop. DiCaprio and Lively "seemed happy in each other's company" and were "laughing and walking" together, says an eyewitness who spotted the pair in Italy. While in Cannes, DiCaprio entertained Lively during a party on a private yacht.

Dylan on his addiction

Bob Dylan, who just turned 70, admitted to a heroin addiction in a 45-year-old interview with journalist and friend **Robert Shelton** that has just been released, according to BBC News. "I kicked a heroin habit in New York City," Dylan says in the 1966 chat. "I got very, very strung out for a while, I mean really, very strung out. And I kicked the habit. I had about a $25-a-day habit and I kicked it."

Selena Gomez and Justin Bieber

Wait — how old are these two?

After some very public displays of affection at the Billboard Music Awards, **Justin Bieber** and girlfriend **Selena Gomez** are off to Hawaii for a romantic vacation, according to E! Online. "After working their asses off, they've carved out some serious time to hang out," a source says.

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The hair of the dog serves 'The Hangover Part II' well

It may be the same thing all over again, but that's what makes the second 'Hangover' go down so easy

▶ Bradley Cooper, Zach Galifianakis and Ed Helms star in "The Hangover Part II," which opens in select theaters at midnight tonight.

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Sometimes you don't want to mess with genius. The puzzle-piece structure of 2009's "The Hangover" is what gave the film its momentum. Coupled with great talent and a funny script, it made it that much easier for a movie about three hungover dudes in Las Vegas to become the No. 1 comedy of all time.

And who says lightning can't strike twice? In "The Hangover Part II," we find "The Wolfpack" — Ed Helms, Bradley Cooper and Zach Galifianakis — again trying to piece together a night-before as they gather in Thailand for Helms' character Stu's wedding.

There's enough that's different about this setup to create some fresh laughs. Stu's father-in-law, for example, standing up at the rehearsal dinner to passive-aggressively praise him by discussing his resemblance to mushy white rice. And then there's Alan (Galifianakis) and his perverse affection for the group. His room is papered with pictures from their wild time in Vegas.

If you go

▶ **'The Hangover Part II'**
Director: Todd Phillips
Cast: Ed Helms, Bradley Cooper, Zach Galifianakis
Rating: R **Grade:** ●●●●◐

The most obvious parallel to the first film is the frantic quest for the missing group member after a night that would make even Charlie Sheen blush. While it might be a little disappointing that director Todd Phillips relied so heavily on the formula, who can blame him if it works? The Wolfpack's chemistry — and affection for each other — is strong enough to pull it off.

Ken Jeong makes his welcome return as Mr. Chow, this time not as an adversary but as a friend. Along with other great cameos, the film is an easy can't-miss. But if "The Hangover Part III" comes around, they might want to get back to the drawing board.

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TV watch list

'American Idol'

REALITY. Lauren or Scotty will be crowned the next "Idol." **Season finale, 8 p.m., FOX**

'The Oprah Winfrey Show'

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▶ Hilary Duff stars in the new drama "Bloodworth," a role she chose to help shed her good-girl image.

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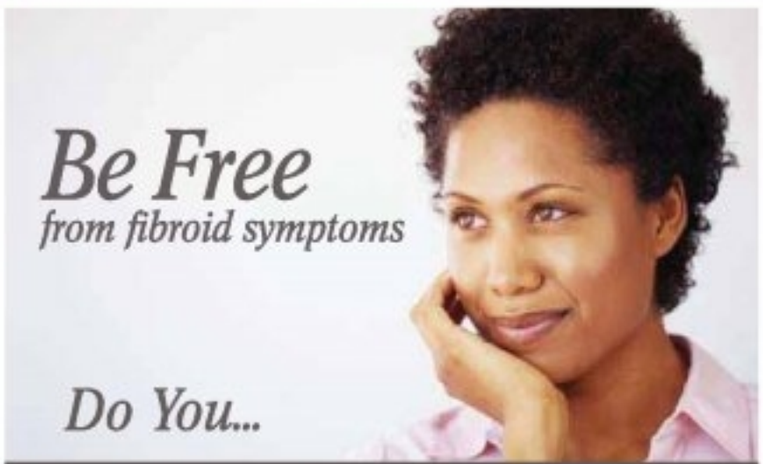

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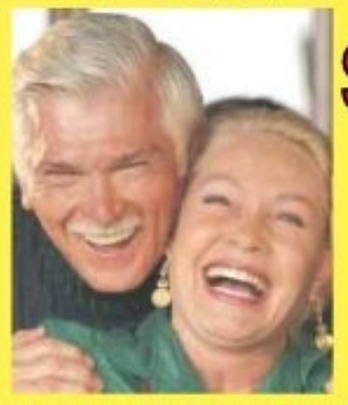

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Hilary Duff looks for distance from Disney

The actress plays a pregnant teen in new indie drama 'Bloodworth' Why she wanted the role

Hilary Duff is aiming to shake off her Disney Channel past, and she's starting with "Bloodworth," a drama about a troubled Tennessee family led by absentee father and country crooner E.F. Bloodworth (Kris Kristofferson). And while Duff didn't lend her vocal talents to the film, which is now available On Demand, she does have plans to return to music while seeking out more grown-up roles.

What drew you to this project?
Obviously, I hope people will see it and think I did a good job in it and see me in a different way than how they've watched me grow up, in more lighthearted films. But it is different. I think every actor's looking for a challenge, to play something different and to be part of a project with other great actors. It was a great experience, and I think I've been trying to choose roles like that, obviously, on purpose.

Was it easy to identify with your character?
I didn't find it easy to identify with her, but I grew up in Texas and we had a house in the hill country that we'd go to often — and it was really deep into the country. We had a few friends there growing up that were like caretakers of our property, and I actually used them a lot for inspiration because they just had such a quiet life. The town was pretty incestuous — just back roads, country stuff. I didn't relate to it, but I felt like I had some things to draw from.

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You had to wear a pregnancy belly for some of the film. How was that?

It was funny. I think they've made them before that actually feel heavier and more substantial, but mine was kind of like a lumpy old pillow. So I was just squishing it around a lot and trying to get it to look more like a round bump instead of some lumpy thing.

Song remains the same?

"I think I'm going to make another record. It's been four years, and I really just needed that time to take a break and re-evaluate and just grow a little bit outside of just being on the stage," says Duff of her music career. "I'm trying to change people's perception of who I am now and accept that. I think it's the right time now, and I've got that itch."

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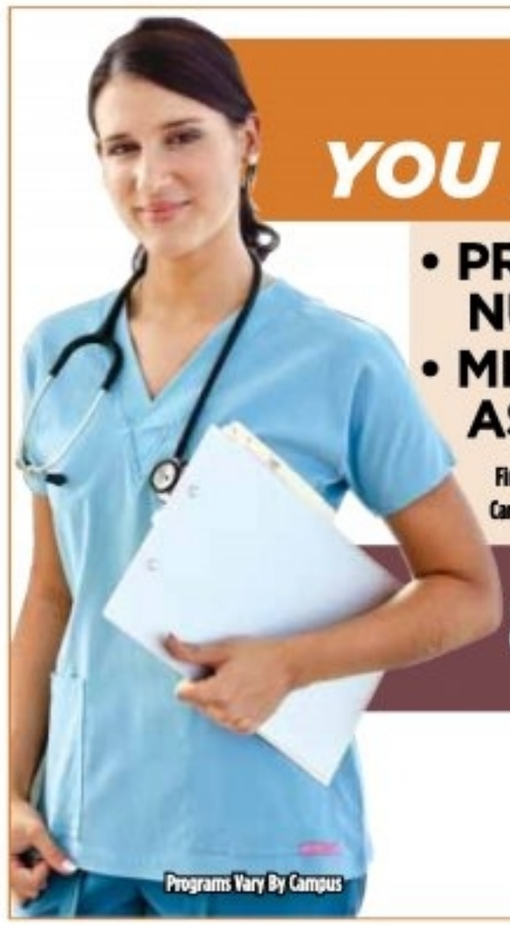
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The drama doesn't stop in New Jersey

'The Real Housewives' got off to an explosive start for Season 3 New cast member Melissa Gorga on the already infamous christening day brawl

It's a consistent pattern on "The Real Housewives" franchise: Every cast member claims they want to keep things drama-free. But if that were true, we probably wouldn't have had the shocking, gives-"Jersey Shore"-a-run-for-its-money season premiere of "The Real Housewives of New Jersey."

During that episode, which kicked off the show's third season, veteran Teresa Giudice and her new castmate and sister-in-law, Melissa Gorga, along with their respective husbands, got into a screaming match during Gorga's son's christening that ended in a massive brawl. Glasses and punches were thrown, men sobbed in Italian and children were crying as the ice sculpture crucifix melted. A world without this episode would've been a sad thing.

Tune in

"The Real Housewives of New Jersey" airs Monday nights at 9 on Bravo TV.

But Gorga says she went into filming with every intention of working things out with her sister-in-law, with whom she's had a long, difficult relationship.

"I really went in with all intentions to be happy together and to mend whatever was going on, to fix it. I went in nice, warm, sweet," Gorga says.

"Teresa and I weren't really speaking much. [Being on the show] was something I made a decision upon with my husband and my family. I knew it would be a great stepping stone for my music, because I'm a singer, so I went for it and I said, you know what? It can't get any worse. Maybe it's going to work out, if she plays herself out onscreen. Well, we all see how we are onscreen, maybe it'll help things."

But that fight at the christening was devastating for Gorga.

"I cried for a week straight and I couldn't sleep for three nights, to be honest with you," she says. "Without candy coating it, I'm sick over it."

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Always vocal

Another singing Housewife? Oh, yes.

"There's an amazing journey you're going to see me go through with my singing. You're going to see me write a song and perform a song. It's amazing what I go through, so yeah, I think I would do [the show] again. So far I have no regrets — except for that christening."
MELISSA GORGA

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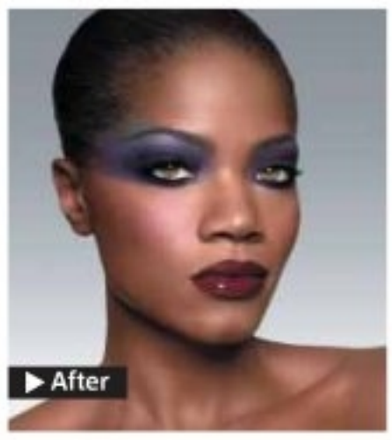
A peek inside:



Need to know

Carven

For those of you who aren't blown away by the season's maxi skirt, the cute and leggy looks in Carven's Spring/Summer collection are like a perfectly painted porcelain bowl of water in the desert. Designer Guillaume Henry has given the historic French house a makeover with modestly priced dresses and separates that fall on the sweet and feminine side of Parisian chic. What's not to love? **KENYA HUNT**

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People sometimes believe that celebrities, politicians and others in a position of power and influence aren't susceptible to the same problems that plague the average Joe — when in fact, the famous are not immune from the ills of society. Given certain personality traits and circumstances, they might be even more likely to commit such acts.

Think about the traits that drive someone like the Governator and Dominique Strauss-Kahn to their positions. In the case of politicians, you often have people who are risk-takers, thrill-seekers and adrenaline junkies who thrive on the rush and excitement of being the center of attention. The larger-than-life ego, grand sense of entitlement and narcissism that run amok are fertile grounds for trouble. Throw into the mix the strain that being in the political spotlight can have on the marriage and you have trouble waiting to happen.

Finally, I'd be remiss if I didn't mention the powerful aphrodisiac that comes from being in a high political position or being a celebrity. Stardom is seductive, and people might gravitate towards such figures; they might feel that to be with someone wealthy and successful provides security. In the case of Monica and Bill — and perhaps Arnold's housekeeper — there was probably a level of attraction based purely on the superstar status. Groupies abound and aren't limited to just the music scene.

▶ Dominique Strauss-Kahn

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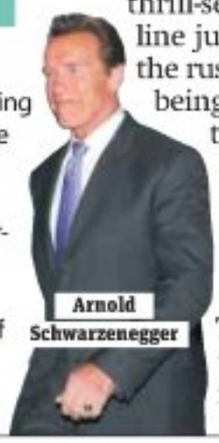
The question

The news of **Arnold Schwarzenegger** having a love child and of the alleged rape by **Dominique Strauss-Kahn** has me wondering: Is there a connection between people in positions of power and committing such acts?



Arnold Schwarzenegger

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Tuberculosis preventive therapy

Study subjects: Various latent tuberculosis-infected patients
Location of study: U.S.
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Significance: Approximately four percent of the U.S. population, or 11 million people, are infected with the tuberculosis bacterium. Efficiently treating latent tuberculosis lowers the risk of a tuberculosis epidemic.

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Coffee consumption and prostate cancer

Study subjects: 48,000 American men
Location of study: U.S.
Results: Study subjects who drank six or more cups of coffee a day — regular or decaf — were nearly 20 percent less likely to develop prostate cancer. Sixty percent were found to be less likely to develop lethal prostate cancer.
Significance: More research is being conducted, but coffee is thought to contain antioxidants, anti-inflammatory compounds and substances that help regulate insulin levels — all of which could be helpful in prostate protection.

Gastro-esophageal reflux disease (GERD)

Study subjects: 50 patients with chronic GERD
Location of study: U.S.
Results: According to an industry-funded study, most patients with chronic gastro-esophageal reflux disease remain in remission five years after beginning optimized medical therapy or undergoing laparoscopic surgery.
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Too bad you won't read this

RE: "ZERO TOLERANCE ON GAGA ISSUE": To Shannon Humphreys with zero tolerance for Gaga: I imagine you are the kind of person that would expel a first grader for aiming a gun-shaped chicken tender at his classmate. The Metro is a free paper and they'd been telling us for months that Lady Gaga was going to be guest editor. Take a chill pill and enjoy the fun and absurd every once in awhile. Dang it, I wish you were still reading their publication so you could see this.

CHRISTINA MITCHELL, VIA E-MAIL

US education left behind

So, by decreasing funding for education while increasing funds for the construction and expansion of prisons, we will somehow transform America into an intelligent, safer, greener and productive society? At the rate that education is becoming throughout the Republic, it is not a matter of how; merely a question of when the United States will descend into complete anarchy and ignorance.

ANTHONY P. JOHNSON, PHILADELPHIA

It's time for some real peace

RE: "ON ISRAEL AND PRESIDENT OBAMA": Mr. Penner's criticism of the president's speech is misplaced. By setting out clear starting points on negotiations for both sides, Israel and the Palestinians are on a more even footing than in the past. Perhaps there's even a change for actual progress this time around.

JOSEPH CONNELL, VIA E-MAIL

What about Bob Dylan?

Well, it's Bob Dylan's 70th birthday today [yesterday]. Looking through the Metro, I see what Aston Kutcher will be paid, and something about Christina Hendricks' breasts, but no mention of Dylan. Oh well, he wouldn't care anyway.

PAUL SIMONS, PHILADELPHIA

The smells business stinks

RE: "SMELLS LIKE TEEN SPIRIT": Most guys do not care how a girl smells. (Y'know, within reason, as long as a person bathes every couple of days.) The perfume industry is kind of a scam; its sales are driven by women, for women. Wouldn't we all agree that all we want is for our prospective partners to smell clean, not like flowers or musk?

RICH FEINBERG, VIA E-MAIL

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Horoscope

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** The thoughtful concern you show to everyone will be deeply appreciated and make you very popular. The focus you show on others' work will indicate your sincerity.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Anything that requires imagination and creativity is what you'll do best. Not only will you apply your ingenuity and resourcefulness to new things but to all your tasks as well.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** A big score on something huge may never manifest itself, but that doesn't mean you can't be happy with the many little things that you do quite well.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** You have a way of making your doings seem far more exciting and enticing than those of others. It won't be surprising to find many people being supportive of our interests.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** This could be the right day to subtly demonstrate to people who owe you something just how they can repay you. Follow your instincts on this one.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Do more listening than talking when in a discussion with some in-the-know friends. What you learn could be extremely valuable.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Think in very small stages and a very big objective of yours that you've been anxious to attain can be reached. However, it will take lots of patience and persistence.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Utilize your abilities as an observer and something quite important and valuable can be discovered. There will be plenty of opportunity to watch how the experts get it done.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** It won't be possible to deceive you with outward appearances. Little do people know that you are born to see things for what they are.

♓ Pisces Feb. **20-March 20.** Rehash an issue down to its smallest detail with someone who is equally as discerning as yourself. What you don't think of, he or she will.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Don't expect others to make a big deal out of one of your victories, regardless of how clever you are. The only thing that's important is that you appreciate the results.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** What makes you so popular is your ability to put people at ease and get them talking about themselves. This will turn out to be a very valuable asset at any gathering.

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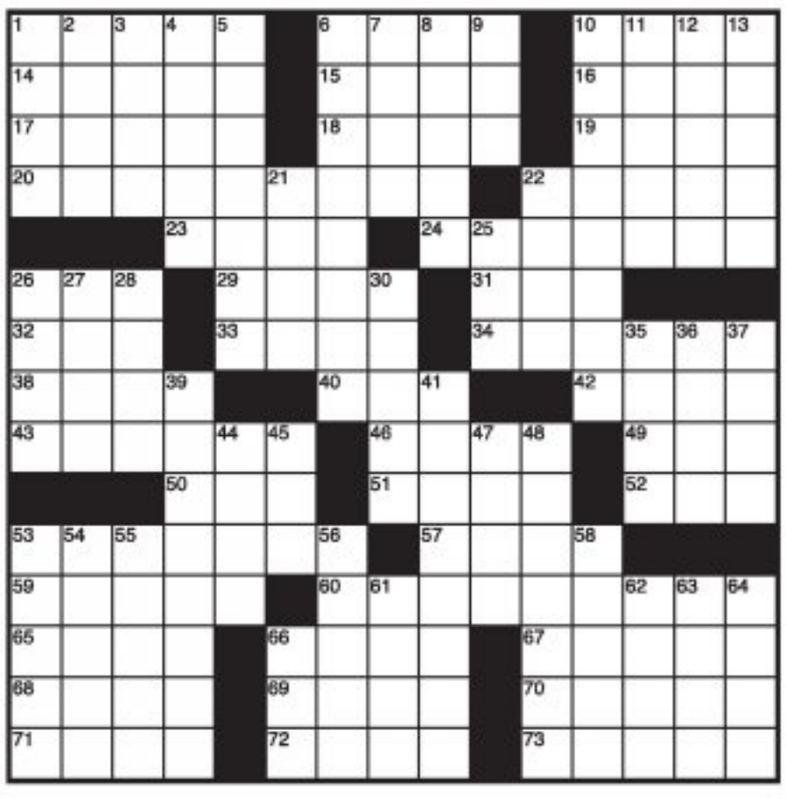

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Ice, ice baby: Tiger tired of treatment

Woods rehabbing from knee, Achilles injuries ◐ Golfer hasn't swung a club since May ◐ 'Good to go' for US Open ◐ Still chasing majors record

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▶ Tiger Woods is still sitting on 14 major championships — four behind Jack Nicklaus.

Age is the great equalizer. Even when your name is Tiger Woods.

The 35-year-old golfer has long been known for hard-core training regimens, including six-mile runs before tee times. As the injuries pile up, Woods is coming to grips with his advancing age.

"As you get older, you have to do things differently," he said. "The body doesn't allow you to do these things and you just have to be smarter about it."

Woods spoke at Aronimink Golf Club yesterday in advance of the AT&T National, a tournament run by the Tiger Woods Foundation that is set for June 28-July 3 in Newtown Square.

"It's great to be back," Woods said. "The golf course is in phenomenal shape. It's only going to get harder and more difficult come tournament time."

Whether Woods actually plays in the tournament is another matter, as he rehabs from left knee and Achilles tendon injuries. His primary goal is to play in next month's U.S. Open.

"All my docs have said it should be ready to go by then, should be good to go," Woods said.

For the past week, he has been wearing a boot and using crutches, and he hopes to start strength training next week. Woods, who usually spends six hours a day at the driving range, hasn't swung a club since May 12, when he pulled out of The Players Championship after nine holes.

"I'm getting pretty tired of ice," Woods joked. "I've been with my kids a lot, which has been great. I've been with them, and that's been actually fantastic. But the other time is spent in treatment."

Woods said surgery has never been discussed. And — despite four procedures on his knee — he wouldn't call it a chronic condition.

"I'm sure down the road it may be more difficult," Woods said. "Hopefully, I'll be in a cart by then, on the Senior Tour."

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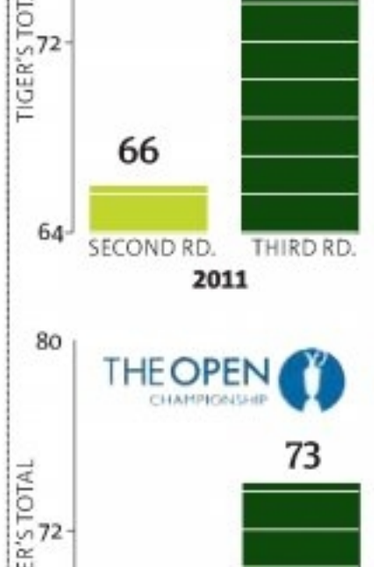
Timeline

It's been one injury after another for Tiger since winning the U.S. Open at Torrey Pines in 2008.

- **June 24, 2008** Undergoes surgery to repair ACL and cartilage damage in left knee. He misses rest of 2008 season.
- **December 2008** Ruptures right Achilles
- **May 9, 2010** Withdraws on seventh hole in final round at The Players Championship, with inflammation in neck.
- **Dec. 11, 2010** Cortisone shot, right ankle
- **April 26, 2010** Minor sprain of MCL in left knee, along with minor strain of left Achilles.
- **May 12, 2011** Pulls out of The Players Championship after posting worst nine-hole score at TPC Sawgrass. Says that his knee "acted up."



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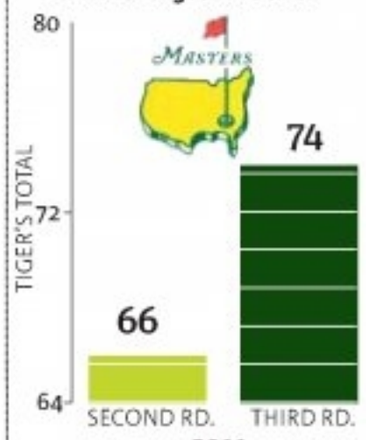

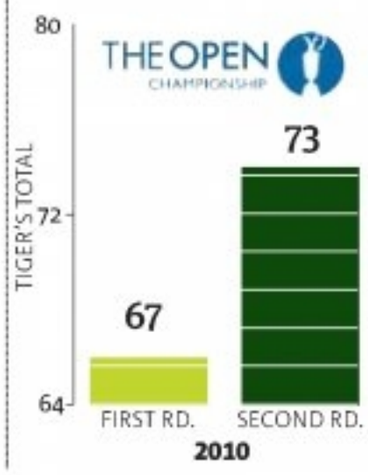

Aronimink's test run over, up to officials

Aronimink Golf Club jumped at the chance to host the AT&T National in an effort to catch the PGA Tour or USGA's eye.

After receiving rave reviews from players and officials following last year's tournament, the Newtown Square course is on the radar.

"The only thing it's probably missing is the length and maybe a little infrastructure as well," Woods said. "Certainly I think that Aronimink is a hell of a golf course, and they've had major championships in the past, but we'll see what happens."

This was a two-year test run for Aronimink, as AT&T National will shift to its permanent home at Congressional Country Club.

Quoted

"It took Jack over what, 24 years, 23 years to do what he did. It takes time. I still have plenty of time ... I just want to be healthy and solid, and I feel like I can give it a go."

TIGER WOODS, ON CHASING JACK NICKLAUS' 18 MAJORS' RECORD

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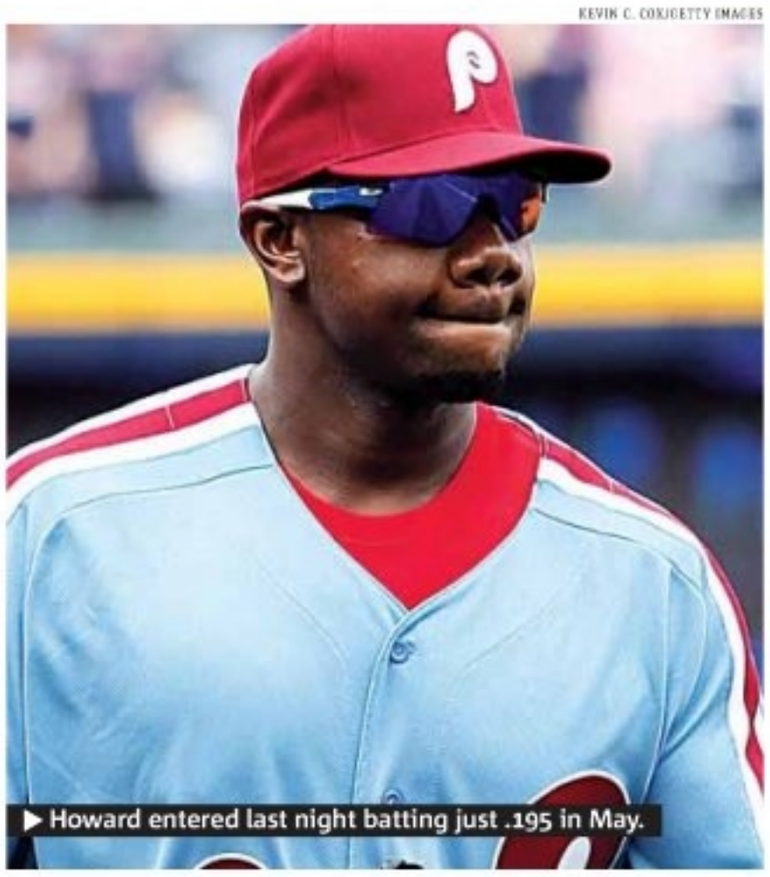
Big Piece putting too much on shoulders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▶ Howard entered last night batting just .195 in May.

- Howard needs more patience at plate
- Trying to do too much all by himself
- Slugger driving in runs
- Manuel thinks he can hit .300

It's not surprising that Ryan Howard seems to be pressing at the plate in recent weeks. The Phillies' underwhelming lineup has been full of substitutes and slumping hitters, putting an unhealthy load on the slugging first baseman.

"And that's why I think he's trying to do too much at times," manager Charlie Manuel said. "That's especially when we get people on base."

That hasn't been the case lately. Prior to Monday night's 10-run, 14-hit outburst, the team had been averaging just 1.7 runs and five hits per game.

"So Ryan tries to do it all by himself," Manuel said. "It's tough."

When Howard isn't locked in, odds are that he'll fish out of the zone. Entering last night's game, he was 13-for-73 in May, including an epic 0-for-23 slump from May 14-21.

"That's what makes it tough," Manuel said. "They hope he'll get himself out. They're not going to throw him a strike. They throw the ball out of the strike zone and that doesn't make it easy, if you swing at bad balls."

Manuel believes Howard can be disciplined at the plate because he already witnessed it.

"Ryan's best year [his 2006 MVP season], he hit .300 [.313] and he had a .427 [on-base percentage, actually a .425 OBP].

"He had about 120 walks [actually 108]. He got good balls to hit that season and he smoked them."

Despite a dip in average this season, the Big Piece has been productive. Howard entered last night with 10 home runs and 36 RBIs — ranking eighth and third, respectively, in those categories in the NL.

"There's no doubt that Howard drives in runs," Manuel said. "I just think he could hit .300, too."

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Walks drawn by Howard in his 2006 MVP season. With 19 this season, he's on pace for just 65 walks in 2011. Meanwhile, Howard is on pace for a career-high 196 strikeouts.

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French Open. Nadal survives

▶ Rafael Nadal celebrates outlasting John Isner in the first round of the French Open.

Five alive: Nadal survives, moves on at French

Rafael Nadal advanced to the second round of the French Open ... barely. The world No. 1 needed five sets to oust John Isner, 6-4, 6-7, 6-7, 6-2, 6-4, yesterday at Roland Garros. No defending champion has ever lost in the first round at the tournament. METRO

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▶ Windsurfer Gal Fridman won Israel's only Olympic gold medal in 2004.

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▶ Runners race through Jerusalem's walled Old City during the first Jerusalem Marathon this spring.

Sports in Holy Land more than distraction

The easy assumption to make about the Israeli sporting culture is that it's a place where athletics are used as distraction from an often-troubled reality.

Easy, yes. But not exactly accurate.

For reporters in the country this spring on a trip centered around the first Jerusalem Marathon, the storyline seemed simple when a bombing struck the city days before the race. And though mayor Nir Barkat broached the incident in a prerace news conference, talk soon returned to the course's hilly nature and historic setting.

It didn't seem forced or head-in-the-sand. It could have been Mayor Nutter talking about Philadelphia.

All in all, it seems, sports are popular in Israel for the same reasons they are in the U.S. It's not about distraction. Sport is international.

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Pride in Israeli national teams and competitors is palpable there — the Olympic Experience Museum in Tel Aviv is an impressive testament to that. And the Wingate Institute near Netanya is dedicated to turning out top-caliber athletes.

But watching a Maccabi Tel Aviv basketball game in a sports bar is just like catching the Sixers.

Israel's just as active in participatory sports. An Appalachian Trail-style hike bisects the country from north to south, and smaller trails wind through historic sites outside Jerusalem. There's mountain biking, climbing and golf (yes, really), too.

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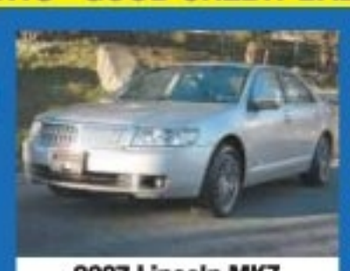
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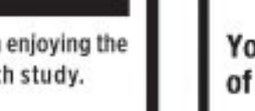

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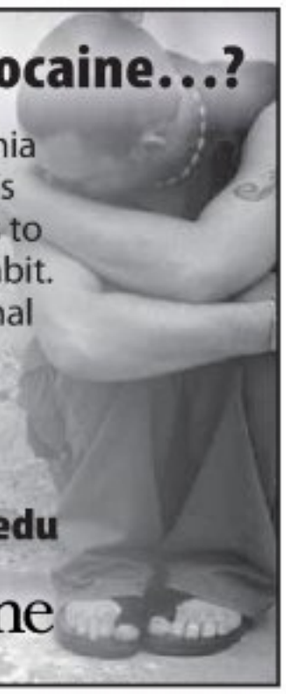

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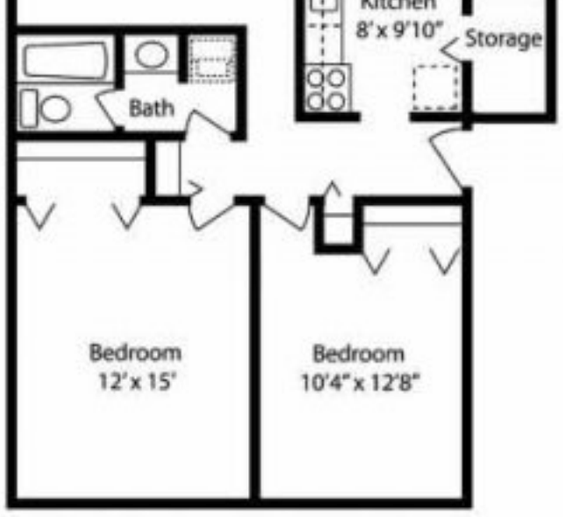

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Recently the Galman Group purchased and completed major renovations at both Lansdowne Station, 504 S. Lansdowne Avenue in Yeadon and RidgeView Apartments located 6725 Ridge Avenue in Roxborough.

Lansdowne Station offers one, two and two bedroom + den garden-style apartments.

RidgeView Apartments features one and two bedroom apartments. The two bedroom apartments offer both one and half or two baths. This totally renovated property now features new glass front and side entrances, a front vestibule, tiled walls in the lobby and a new front canopy.

Both properties have been meticulously renovated with newly carpeted and painted hallways, new roofing, lighting, electric, solar hot water system, boiler, windows, bathrooms, balconies and landscaping.

Lansdowne Station features new kitchens with Whirlpool appliances including dishwasher, garbage disposal, microwave, refrigerator and washer + dryer. The apartments are individually climate controlled with central air and heat and have either a patio or a balcony. Select apartments have a fireplace.

This property is in the prestigious William Penn School District and conveniently located near I-95, 495, Rte 1, Rte 76 and Rte 276. The Lansdowne train station is within walking distance.

RidgeView Apartments , conveniently located near the Manayunk's shopping, dining and entertainment is also close to many Philadelphia hospitals, colleges and universities. This property is only a 15 minute drive to Center City and provides easy access to Routes 76, 476, 1, I-95 and the PA Turnpike.

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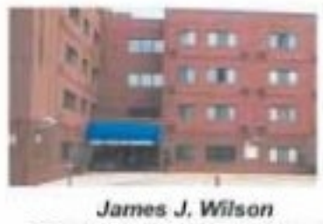
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"Keep it neutral" used to be the mantra of home staging. Designers prepping a house or condo for sale would make it bland and boring, so the broadest possible range of buyers could picture themselves moving in.

But there's a newer, better way, says Gary Sefferman of Nickian Home Staging in New York.

"When it's up for sale, it's no longer a home. It's a product and it needs to be marketed as a product, which means zeroing in on who the customer is," he explains.

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So Sefferman will tour a property, case out the neighborhood, assess the companies, restaurants and shops nearby — and then use all that to determine the demographic and "psychographic" profile of the buyer most likely to be looking at that home. "Instead of casting a net to try and catch a fish that isn't even swimming in those waters," he says, "you crest a perfect lure to go after a specific fish."

That might mean putting up a poster of Michael Douglas in "Wall Street" above the computer desk to lure a young professional working in finance, or casually placing a bag from Tiffany in the closet to appeal to the female half of a "DINK" couple — Dual Income, No Kids. "It's an emotional trigger," says Sefferman.

Of course, some sellers have their own vision of how their property should look — even if that look might not be the best way to stage.

"If we go into Grad Hospital or Northern Liberties and they want old-fashioned, traditional furniture in a loft space that young professionals will be looking at, we're going to question why," says Mark Miklosovich of Busybee, a home staging company in Philadelphia. "But in the end, we'll give our best advice — and then do whatever the client wants."

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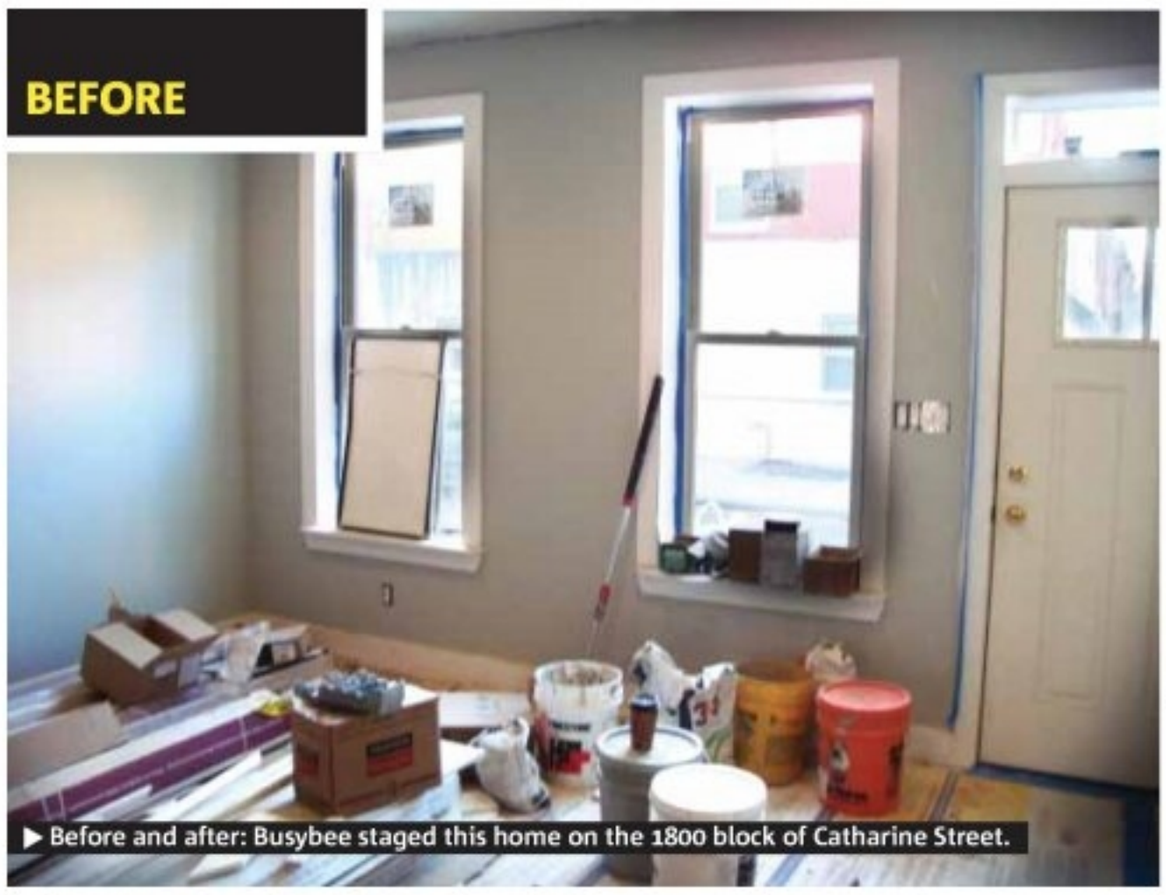

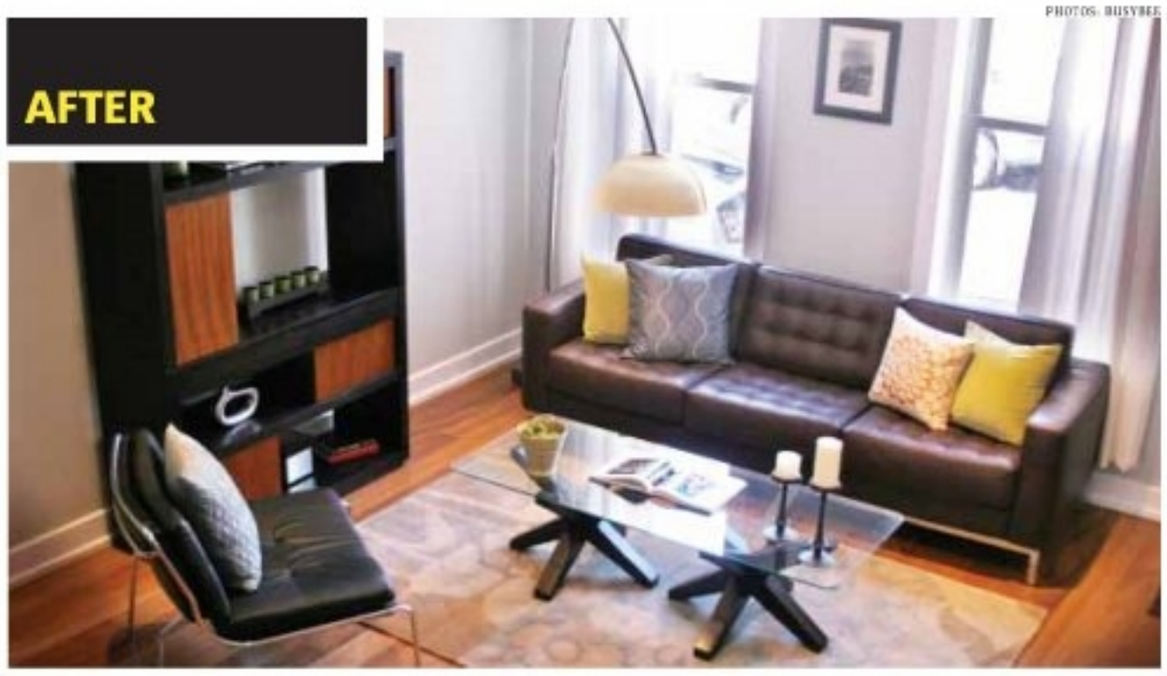

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▶ Before and after: Busybee staged this home on the 1800 block of Catharine Street.

Simulated staging

Can't afford to overhaul your entire home? Go virtual. Home stagers can create digital renderings that show what a staged room might look like. It's especially useful for smaller spaces, where buyers need help visualizing what furniture can fit, says Miklosovich of Busybee. The company is adding the service to its list of offerings this month.

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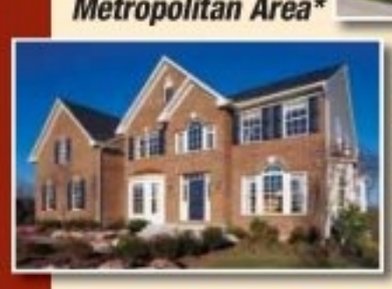

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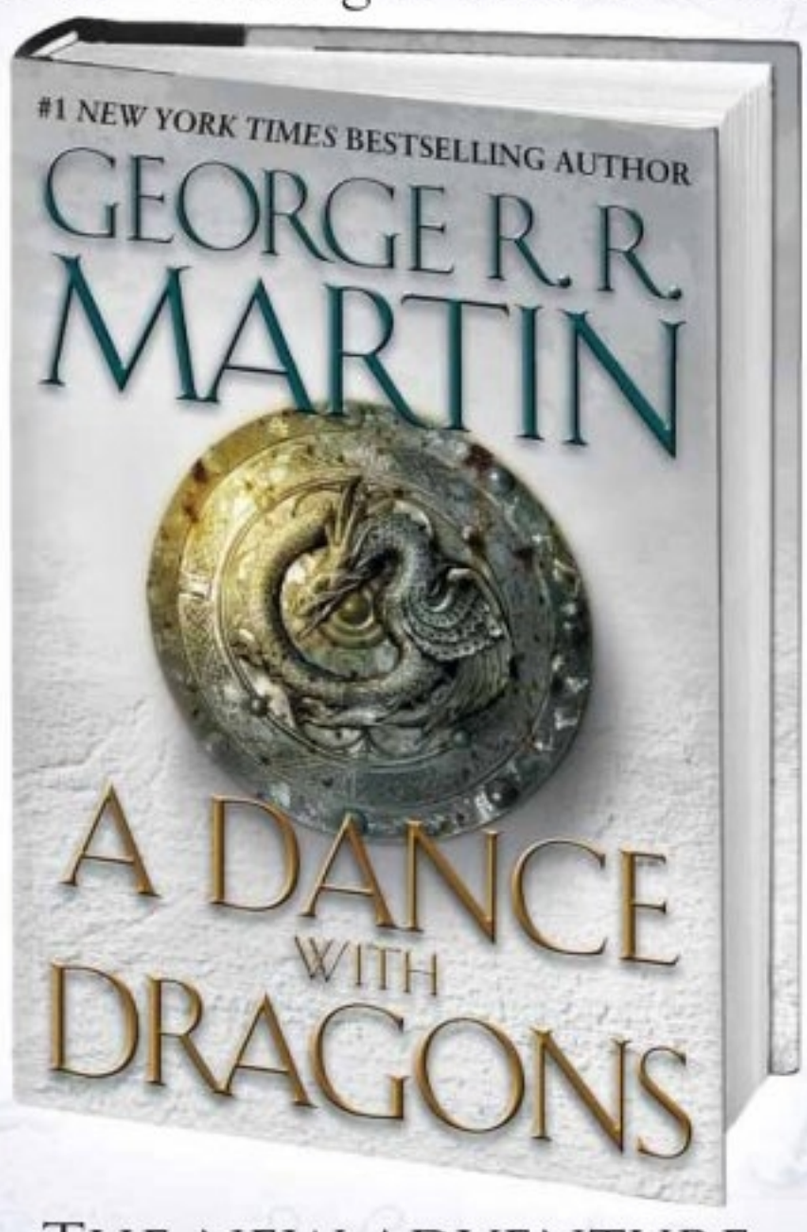

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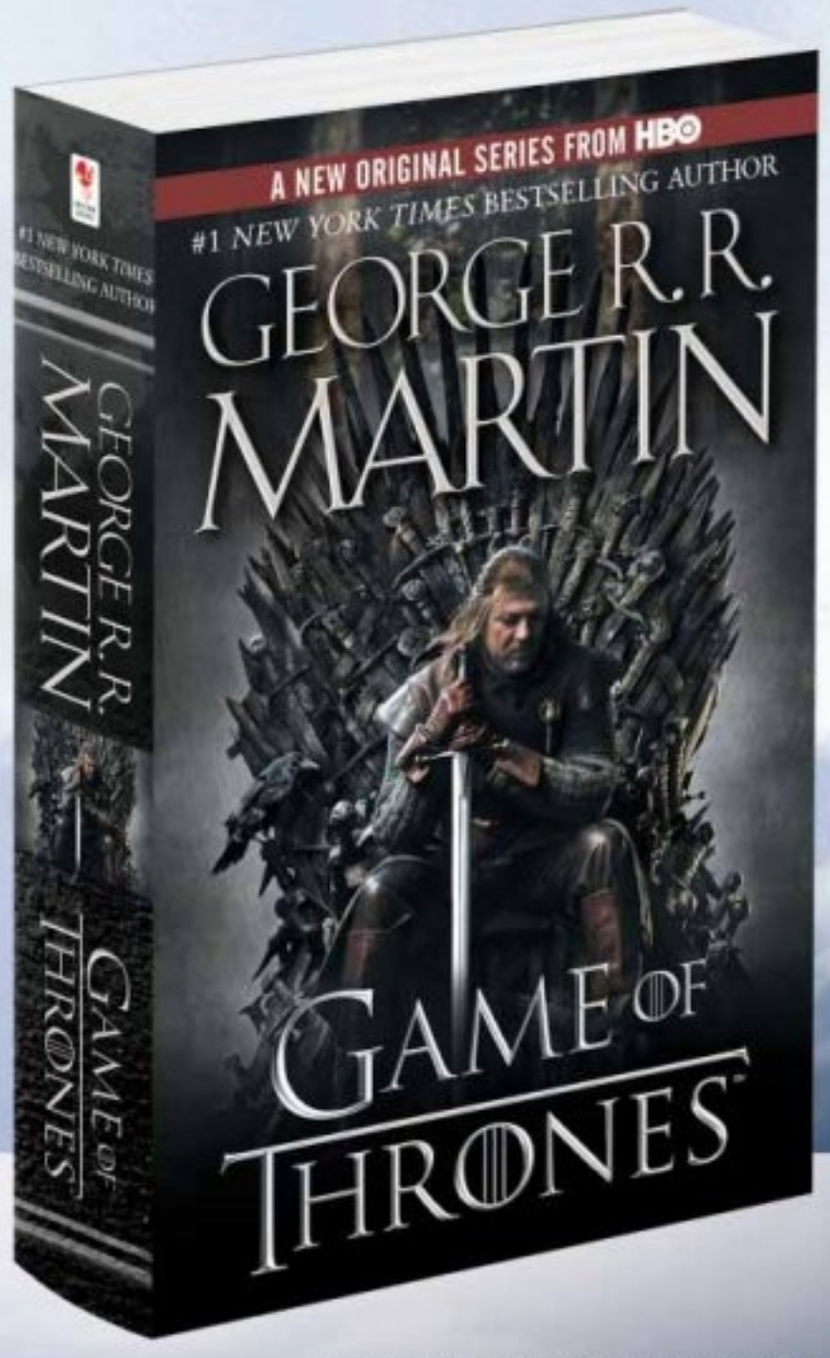

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